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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

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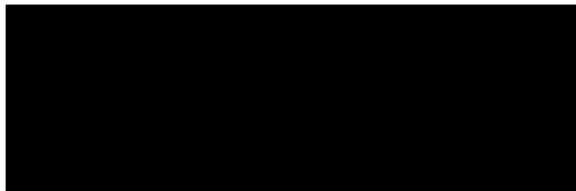
SUBJECT : Proposed Inclusion of EDIC within the Economic Intelligence Committee Structure

1. At the EDIC meeting of 13 August 1958, the Chairman, noting the concern of the Committee that the proposed reconstitution of EDIC as a subcommittee of the Economic Intelligence Committee structure might adversely affect the timeliness of reporting, indicated that he would seek additional assurance from the EIC that the proposed reorganization would permit continued prompt production and dissemination of reports.

2. There are now attached, for the information of EDIC members, copies of the Chairman's memorandum requesting such additional assurances from the EIC, and the reply received from the Chairman of the EIC.

3. This EIC reply and the revised EDIC Annual Report will be considered at a meeting to be held on 3 September 1958 in Room 1121 "M" Building.

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Attachments:

1. Memo to Chairman, EIC, "Proposed Reorganization of EDIC," 14 August 1958
2. Memo to Chairman, EDIC, "Proposed Inclusion of EDIC within the EIC," 22 August 1958

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14 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, EIC
FROM : Chairman, EDIC
SUBJECT : Proposed Reorganization of EDIC

1. The EDIC membership considered the proposal to reorganize economic defense intelligence in such manner as to place the functions of the subject committee within the framework of the EIC.

2. The membership of EDIC, save one, indicated approval of the proposal accepting in so doing the assurance of the Chairman that no basic change was to be made in the recent form of production assignment or in the timeliness of reporting.

3. The representative of the ACSI, however, objected to the proposal. His objection was based upon his allegation that the reorganization would interject an additional layer of control in the review process of intelligence production, that it would reduce the timeliness of reporting, and that it would tend to result in the allocation of some intelligence production to groups which were not familiar with the format and background of economic defense matters. The representative of the ACSI then suggested that the subject committee might be given greater autonomy within EIC so that it might report directly to its requesters.

4. The Chairman indicated that he thought the EIC would be loath to accept such responsibility without requisite authority. Inasmuch as timeliness of reporting was a matter of concern expressed by all members, he indicated he would seek additional assurance from the EIC, through its Secretariat, that the proposed reorganization would permit prompt production and dissemination of reports. He would further upon receiving a reply from the EIC reconvene EDIC and reach a final decision based upon this response.

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